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1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CHANGES AND INCLUSIONS NOTED
PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REF A.

2. ALONG LINES OF YOUR SUGGESTION IN PARA 5, PENULTIMATE
SENTENCE OF NOTE SHOULD READ "RELINQUISHMENT OF CONTROL
DOES NOT MEAN ABROGATION OF THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT TO PROPERTY, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE
NOT COVERED BY PROJECT AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN NOTE
293."

3. RE CHANGE SUGGESTED PARA 6 FOR LAST SENTENCE OF NOTE,
WE PREFER TO RETAIN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE. THIS SENTENCE IS
INTENDED TO COVER NOT ONLY SPECIFIC USAID MATTERS BUT ALSO
GENERAL QUESTION OF AID IN FUTURE. "EMPOWERED" TO DISCUSS
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IMPLIES MORE THAN WE ARE WILLING TO DO ON LATTER AT THIS

POINT. IN CONVEYING NOTE TO PGNU, YOU CAN OF COURSE STATE, IF NECESSARY, THAT EMBASSY IS FULLY EMPOWERED TO DISCUSS ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO USAID TERMINATION AND OTHER ASSISTANCE MATTERS, AS POL COUNSELOR HAS ALREADY DONE WITH

SOUBANH.

4. LAST PARAGRAPH OF NOTE SHOULD THUS READ "THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN ORDER TO MEET OUR COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW OUR AID MISSION BY JUNE 30, THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT AS OF THIS DATE THE USAID MISSION TO LAOS HAS BEEN TERMINATED AND ITS REMAINING PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO DEPART THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY. THE MINISTRY IS ALSO NOTIFIED THAT USAID HEREBY RELINQUISHES TO THE PGNU CONTROL OF ALL USG PROPERTY, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT IN LAOS PERTAINING TO THE AID PROGRAM. (ASIDE FROM THIS PROGRAM, THIS NOTIFICATION ALSO COVERS ALL THE BUILDINGS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND, INCLUDING THOSE BELONGING TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS THE CLUB POOL AND COMMISSARY BELONGING TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.) WE CONSIDER THAT ALL THIS PROPERTY, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PGNU. HOWEVER, RELINQUISHMENT OF CONTROL DOES NOT MEAN ABROGATION OF THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROPERTY, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY PROJECT AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN NOTE 293. ALL QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AID SHOULD HENCEFORTH BE DIRECTED TO THE EMBASSY WHICH WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE PGNU." KISSINGER

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